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DATE 1920Z, 16 OCT 62

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM [redacted]

ACTION: OSA (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10)

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AIRCRAFT NUMBER THREE TOOK OFF ON FLIGHT NUMBER TWO AT 0810 HOURS [redacted] 16 OCT, PILOT SCHALK; GROSS WEIGHT 85,000 POUNDS WITH CG AT 20.7 PERCENT AFT. FLT DURATION 33 MINUTES. AB TAKE OFF AND AB CLIMB STARTED, INBOARD MAIN LANDING GEAR DOORS FAILED TO RETRACT. MAXIMUM SPEED ATTAINED 280 KTS.

AIRCRAFT SLOWED IMMEDIATELY. FLEW LOCALLY BETWEEN 195 AND 240 KTS AND RECYCLED GEAR SEVERAL TIMES IN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO RETRACT DOORS. DUMPED APPROXIMATELY 20,000 POUNDS OF FUEL. WHILE DUMPING PILOT CHECKED ADF, STILL INOPERATIVE AS EXPECTED.

VARIOUS OTHER ITEMS CHECKED IE, INSTRUMENTS, AIR CONDITIONING ETC. LANDING NORMAL. PILOT ELECTED NO CHUTE. TURNED OFF AT TAXIWAY, NO PROBLEM. CORNER ON METAL FILLET JUST AFT OF RIGHT WHEEL WELL WAS TORN BACK APPROXIMATELY 3 INCHES. CAN BE PATCHED LOCALLY. WEATHER MOVING INTO BASE PRECLUDED CHANGING MISSION INTO PILOT PROFICIENCY. INNER GEAR DOORS MALFUNCTION SUSPECTED TO BE DUE TO IMPROPER MICROSWITCH ADJUSTMENT. RETRACTION TEST

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BEING PERFORMED, REFLIGHT SCHEDULED FOR 0800 HOURS AREA TIME  
17 OCT 62. WEATHER FORECAST FOR 17 OCTOBER CLEAR.

END OF MESSAGE

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